

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1031

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 26, 1970

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., for Authority)
to Increase Fares.)

Application No. 613

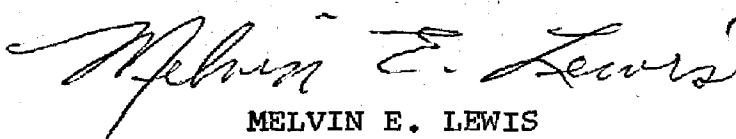
Docket No. 216

On March 13, 1970, D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Transit) filed an application for increased bus fares for its regular route operations in the District of Columbia and suburban Maryland. Generally, the proposal would raise the basic District of Columbia fare from 32¢ to 40¢, the basic intra-Maryland fare from 32¢ to 40¢, and the zone fare in Maryland would increase in increments of 15¢ per zone.

At the same time it filed Application No. 613, Transit filed a motion for an interim order adjusting Transit's schedule of fares pending our final determination of its Application No. 613. The interim request was for a basic D. C. and intra-Maryland fare of 35¢, plus certain Maryland zone increments. The motion for interim relief asserts that experience shows that it will take approximately 150 days for the Commission to act on Application No. 613 and that Transit's financial condition will not enable it to continue to operate for that period of time without fare relief. In support, the motion alleges that Transit is not receiving the revenues which we forecast in the last D. C. Transit rate order No. 984. The motion further points out that the increased wage levels granted under the recent labor arbitration award were not taken into account in setting the current fare level. These wage increases have caused the labor expense of the company to increase substantially over that projected in the last fare case. The result of all of this, it is said, is that revenues are not meeting cash needs and Transit is experiencing, and will continue to experience a substantial net operating loss.

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., post notice of the application and hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District once, at least twenty-five (25) days prior to said hearing. Notice shall also be posted on all buses.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melvin E. Lewis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director